

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims have been divided into Groups as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-6, drawn to a process for preparing an aromatic diisocyanate.

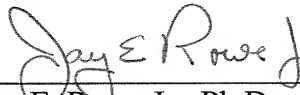
Group II: Claims 7-8, drawn to a production plant for preparing aromatic diisocyanates.

Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, Claims 1-6, drawn to a process for preparing an aromatic diisocyanate for examination.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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